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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

GROUP ART UNIT: 3671

EXAMINER: ROBERT ERIC PEZZUTO

In re application of: Lynn W.)
Schultz, Timothy G. Koch, and)
Terry C. Wendorff)
Application No: 10/655,339)
Filed: September 4, 2003)
Attorney Docket No.: 7007-CON)

For: CUSHION STOP AND
METHOD FOR ABSORBING
BIDIRECTIONAL IMPACT OF
SNOW PLOW BLADE
TRIPPING

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested. Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time of one month in responding to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, on the above-identified application. The extension

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extends the time to respond from September 16, 2004, to October 16, 2004, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment A to be submitted four months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity, which is a \$55.00 extension fee for response within the first month. Since after the Amendment A, 17 claims remain pending, of which 4 are independent, and since in the application 20 claims (the minimum) were paid for, of which 4 were independent, no additional fee for claims is believed to be due.

In addition, a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent is also being filed, and the appropriate fee for the Terminal Disclaimer is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.20(d) for a small entity, which is a \$55.00 fee.

The total thus due for this Amendment A and the Terminal Disclaimer is \$110.00, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge the \$110.00 in fees for the extension fee and the Terminal Disclaimer to Deposit Account No. 18-0882. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment A and the Terminal Disclaimer, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this Amendment A.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment A.

Please make the following amendments to the application: